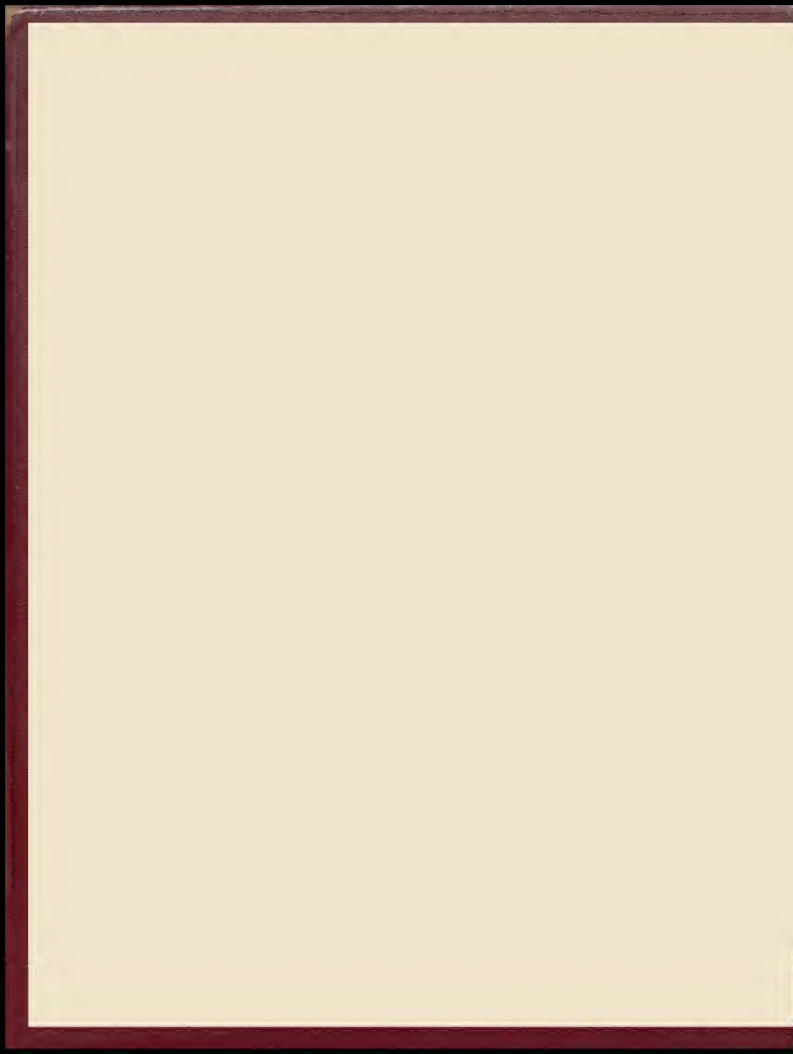




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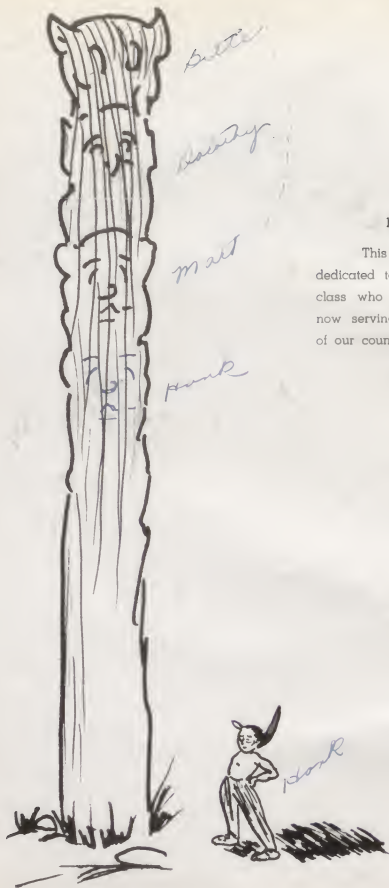




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#### DEDICATION

This 1946 LEGEND is dedicated to those boys from our class who have served and are now serving in the armed forces of our country.



Well, here is a picture of our beloved Wigwam. We call it Portage High School. Not bad, is it? Well, anyway we Seniors of 1946 liked it. Not very long ago there wasn't any Wigwam, so we are a little proud of the good name it now has. Follow us now and we will show you just what goes on inside the Wigwam.

*Be it ever so humble, there's  
no place like home.*



Here is a glimpse of the different classes that are held in the Wigwam. Of course, there are many others, but not enough space for all. These snaps show a typing class, advanced shop, freshman cooking class, library, teacher receiving gift from pupil. (Gertie Wilson believes there's more than one way to get an algebra credit!), welding class, boys' cooking class, freshman girls doing K.P., advanced home economics girls studying personal grooming, chemistry, and physics classes.





Mr. Westerman

# Administration

Our War Council is made up of a Principal, County Superintendent, Trustee, and thirteen teachers, who supervise, direct, and instruct the tribe.



*Heber Winckler  
Good Luck, Betty.*

Our heap big chief was new to us this year but he proved himself an OSM leader of the War Council and Tribe.

HEBER WINCKLER, President  
Tribal Council, and  
War Council OSM  
Good Luck

M. C. JENKINS  
County Commissioner



*Clifford A. Hunter*  
PRINTER  
County Printer



MARGARET LUMBERG  
School Nurse



# Faculty

*Edward Anderson*

EDWARD ANDREW ANDERSON

Valparaiso University M.A.  
English Social Science



*Margaret Baird*



MARGARET W BAIRD

Central Normal College, A.B.  
Commercial

*Margaret W. Baird*



BERNIE ELIZABETH FRANKLIN

Indiana Central College, B. Mus.  
Attended North Manchester and  
Purdue  
Art Physical Education

*Bernie Franklin*



MARY ELLEN AULT

Purdue University B.S.  
Home Economics

FRANK BLAISDELL

University of Illinois B.S.  
Industrial Arts

*Best wishes from  
the entire staff and  
myself  
Grayston Guttner*

GRAYSTON GUTTNER

Manchester College, B.A.  
Peabody College for Teachers  
Mathematics Library Science

*rather of the  
class of '47"*



MARION HERREN

Indiana University A.B.  
Home Economics



ETHEL RANDS JONES

Valparaiso University B.S.  
Northwestern University M.A.  
English, Latin



GEORGE L. MYERS

Valparaiso University B.S.  
Public School Music



LEROY C. HOFF

Valparaiso University, B.S.  
Indiana University M.S.  
English, Social Studies

AGNES ROYER LONG

Manchester College, A.B.  
Mathematics, U. S. History

LOWELL MILLER LONG

Manchester College, B.S. A.B.  
Science

DEAN SNIDER

Bail State Teachers College, A.B.  
Attended DePauw University Indiana University  
Physical Education



Here you will see all  
the Indians — from braves  
and maidens down to the  
youngest papooses.

At the left is the crest of the ring  
which we chose last year as our  
class emblem.



# Class of

LOIS GAIL ALLISS—"Gale"

General Course

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1

4; Play 4.



LILLIAN BEAUMONT—"Babe"

General Course

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 3, 4

Twirling Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pow Wow

3, 4 (Editor); Latin Club 4; Secre-

tary 1; Play 3.



LESTER BELL—"Sonny"

General Course

Sports Editor of "Legend" 4; Bas-

kettball 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3; Treasurer

2; Play 4.

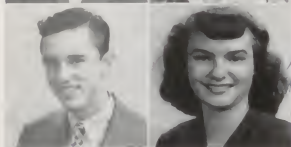


DORIS BERGSLIEN—"Dory"

Academic Course

Latin Club 4; Business Manager

"Legend" 4; Play 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4.



JEANNE DUNSIZER—"Susie"

General Course

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pow Wow 4;

Editor of "Legend" 4; Play 3.



CLARICE JEAN FIFE—"C. J."

General Course

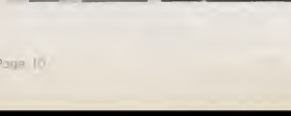
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 2; Pow

Wow 3, 4; Latin Club 4; Play 3, 4.

WILLIAM FRAZIER—"Bill"

Academic Course

Sr. Class Ed. of "Legend" 4.



LOUISE LAMPRECHT—"Louie"

Commercial Course

Pow Wow 4; Play 4; Attended

Harding High School, Fairport

Harbor, Ohio.

EARL LIGHTFOOT—"Sheik"

General Course

Baseball 4; Band 1; Basketball

1; Play 3, 4.

TWYLA McHARGUE—"T"

General Course

Pow Wow Staff 3, 4; "Legend" Ad-

vertising Ed. 4; Play 3, 4; Band

1; G.A.A. Board 1, 3, 4.

EDWIN MAHNS—"Ed"

General Course

Assistant Sports Ed. "Legend" 4;

Band 4.

MARILYN MILLER—"Blondie"

Commercial, Home Ec. Course

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pow Wow 3, 4;

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

# 1946

MARY JANE MOATZ—Queenie  
Commercial Course  
Band 1, 2, 3; Pow Wow 4; Glee  
Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Secretary—  
Presenter 4.

BARBARA MONGOLD—"Brickie"  
General Course  
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 4; Class  
President 2; Latin Club 4; Pow  
Wow 3, 4; Play 3, 4.

WILLIAM MOLEN—"Moon"  
General Course  
Class President 4; Vice-President 2,  
3; President of Band 4; Band 1, 2, 3,  
4; Pow Wow 3; Play 3, 4; Baseball  
1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3; Basketball 1,  
2, 3, 4.

WILLIAM NEWMAN—"Jew"  
General Course  
Class President 3; Vice-President  
4; Photo Ed. of "Legend" 4; Play 3;  
Baseball 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Bas-  
ketball 3, 4.

MARY LOUISE NICKERSON—"Weezer"  
General Course  
Class Secretary 3; Vice-President  
2; Pow Wow 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2,  
3, 4; G.A.A. President 4; Latin Club  
4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Play 3, 4;  
In Photo Ed. of "Legend" 3; Assist-  
ant Editor of "Legend" 4.

DOROTHY PORTER—"Dot"  
Commercial Course  
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Play 4; Pow  
Wow 4.

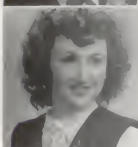
JACQUELINE QUICK—"Jackie"  
General Course  
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pow Wow 4;  
Latin Club 4; Play 3.

ELEANOR REARDON—"Cookie"  
General Course  
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 4;  
Pow Wow 3, 4; Class Secretary 2;  
Assistant Business Manager of  
"Legend" 4.

HILDA SHARPE—"Hildie"  
Commercial Course  
G.A.A. 3, 4; Pow Wow 4; Glee  
Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

MARTIN WAGNER—"Nunnie"  
General Course  
Art Ed. of "Legend" 4; Track 1, 2;  
Basketball Student Manager 2, 4;  
Baseball Student Manager 4.

BETH WHALEN—"Pug"  
Commercial Course  
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pow  
Wow 4.



*Mary Jane Moatz*

*"Brickie"*

*Bill Molen*

*Bill Newman*

*"Weezer"*

*"Jackie"*

*"Cookie"*

*"Nunnie"*

*Beth Whalen  
"Pug"*







# Class History



## CLASS OFFICERS

- Row 1: William Newman, Vice-President; Mary Jane Melton, Secretary; Margaret Bask, Treasurer.
- Row 2: Mr. George Myers, Mrs. Margaret Bask, Promoter.

Well, green as usual, we started our freshman year with an enrollment of 50 papooses. (Remember potatoes, green pushing potatoes with our noses?) We didn't even know we were left from our right. Our class officers were: President, Mary Louise Nickerson; Vice-President, Gladys Crowe, Secretary-treasurer, with Lillian Beaman taking over this office later in the year. Our class sponsors were Miss Franklin and Mr. Taylor. Those papooses who withdrew during the year were Betty Gernenz, Mary Lennox, Edith Suhm, Ronald Brown, William Miller and Ned Wilson. Gladys Crowe and Harvey Leeper joined the Navy. Those who were in the year were a skating party in the fall and a picnic at Marquette Park in the spring.

Now we'll see what happened in our Sophomore year. To start off, there were 40 of us, but this number was soon diminished by the loss of some more braves and maidens, namely: Gladys Cooley, Margaret Melott, Forrest Cherry, Henry Cooley, and Mary Louise Mann. Curtis Bagg went to Ohio to a military academy, and Robert Knutson joined the Navy. Our class officers this time were: Bachelor, Margaret; President, William Mullen, Vice-President, Lester Bell; Secretary, and Lester Bell, Treasurer. Miss Franklin and Mr. Myers were our sponsors. Activities of the year included a Halloween party, skating party, class picnic, and treasure hunt of a movie.

In the fall of '44, we returned to our studies. This was to be a busy year for us, for we had to make money for the War Dance (Prom). There were 33 in our tribe at the beginning of the school year, but before school closed in

early June, fifteen had joined the Navy, while Cecil Luckey and Fred Schell had joined the Army. Elmer Kuhns, Richard Parker, Sam Morris, and Francis Lewis withdrew. We practically had no money to take by that time. Mrs. Baird was the class sponsor. Our papoose projects included two radio projects, two movies and a play, "Leave It To Grandpa," which was presented on May 21. On May 18, we entered the school play with a War Dance at the Marquette Park Pavilion. Fred Knutson, a senior, was chosen to reign as King of the Dance.

In September of '43, we moved back to the Wigwam for the first time. We lost three braves—Kenneth Collins headed out to the Navy, George Rod joined the Navy, and James Bennett withdrew after the war. The girls who joined the Navy were: Gladys Cooley, Henry Cooley, and Mary Louise Mann. Gladys Cooley, who had been in the Navy, became a member of the Navy. Fred Knutson, who left us in our freshman year, was now in the Navy. This brought our number to 24. Fred Knutson withdrew in December, having been married previously. Those who had to sign up on their own account, including not selective service were William Mullen, Margaret Melott, William Newman, Lester Bell, and Ned Wilson.

In September and October, we have come to the end of the class history of 1945. It has been a very short four years or about 18 to 20, but they shall be remembered as the four most pleasant years of our lives.

—Eleanor Reardon



# Class Will

We, the 1946 graduating class of Fair  
age High School, being of sound mind,  
hereby will and bequeath our most trea-  
sured gifts to underclassmen to order that  
they may continue to uphold the honor  
and glory of our dear Alma Mater.

Lois Alliss wills her drum sticks and drumming ability to Carl Wams  
Lillian Beaumont wills her ability to beat the "Ivories" to Russell  
Wennerstrom.

Lester Bell wills his muscles to Paul Hendershott.

Doris Bergslien wills her scholastic ability to Cortie Wilson.

Jeanne Dunsizer wills her kitty car or "Jeep" to the "Jugs."

Clarice Jean Fifield wills her "rolling eyes" to Henry Sistrangh.

William Frazier wills his "wolfish ideas" to Gene Lute.

Louise Lamprecht wills her studiousness to Bob Miller.

Earl Lightfoot wills his ability to sleep in classes to Jerry Flynn.

Edwin Mahns wills his pin curl to Ralph McHargue.

Twyla McHargue wills her fingernails to "Swede" Johnson.

Marilyn Miller wills her shorthand ability to Ray Luckey.

Mary Jane Moatz wills her shy and retiring manner to Aurora Phillips.

Barbara Mongold wills her curly hair to June Pitts.

William Mullen wills his "technique" to Mr. Anderson.

William Newman wills his dainty little 7½ basketball shoe to Phil Phillips.

Mary Louise Nickerson wills her cunning smiles to Genevieve Lloyd.

Dorothy Porter wills her facial expressions to Marguerite Bender.

Jacqueline Quick wills her dating hobby to Eleanor Himebrook.

Eleanor Reardon wills her athletic ability to Rhoda Nicksch.

Hilda Sharpe wills her skating ability to Bob Goin.

Martin Wagner wills his ability to go steady with one girl to Charles  
Reardon.

Ruth Whalen wills her quietness to Bette Renfro.

The entire class wills a box of sleeping pills to Mr. Gurtner, so he can  
make up for all those sleepless nights he spent in developing and printing  
pictures for us.

We, the undersigned, do solemnly affirm that the above is, to the best  
of our knowledge, the final will and testament of the Senior Class of 1946.

Received and attested this 24th day of May.

(signed) WILLIAM MULLEN, President

MARY JANE MOATZ, Secretary

# Class Prophecy

On the corner of Fifth and Broadway in the metropolis of Crisman, Indiana (highspot of the world) on May 22, 1980, we hear two elderly women discussing the outcome of the class of '46.

Lois (Allisa) Dolan now owns a beauty shop and is teaching the girls tricks on wind blown bobs.

Lillian Beaumont, at the age of fifty-nine, is still banging away on the piano with the Crisman Symphony Orchestra.

Lester Bell and his second wife, the former Marian Hockelberg, are still continuing their farming occupation and now own "The Universal Dairy of Three Cows."

Doris Bergslien has finally decided to take life easy and is now teaching only six foreign languages at the University of Crisman.

Jeanne Dunsizer is still trying to keep up the morale of all those in uniform and has established the Blake Road U. S. O.

Clarice Jean Fifield, after being divorced for the third time, has trained her three children to be vaudeville performers. She also owns her own little bookstore where she sells books written only by C. J. Fifield.

Bill Frazier is the swimming instructor of the Girls' Aqua Club and meets his group as often as possible at the Y. W. C. A.

Earl Lightfoot is now reading "The Adventures of the Dilapidated Dinosaur" on the Dinglehooper Dandy Diaper Service program on the radio.

Mary J. Moatz, now residing at the Porter County Poor Farm, still has faith in the Cubs and is sure they will win a World Series soon.

Edwin Mahns now has the position of Justice of the Peace and can be found at almost any time of the day in the Little Church Around the Corner.

Bill Mullen has designed a new rocket ship,

which accommodates any number of pick-ups found along the airways. In the evening, as he leaves his mansion to take a little jaunt, you can hear him singing "A Hunting I Will Go."

Bill Newman, now a famous detective, is following up the case of "The Missing Horsehare," his only clue being a fly wing.

Twyla McHargue is the manager of the Bloomer Girl Baseball Team, consisting of women all over fifty years of age. The team is now touring Europe.

Mary L. Nickerson is now head bouncer at Gene's. During her spare time she is raising her five sons and is looking forward to having a basketball team.

Eleanor Reardon has shown her great nursing ability. She is now head nurse at the McCool State Hospital, a branch of the Logansport hospital.

Marilyn Miller is now singing the blues with her husband's orchestra on the "Farm Corn Pickers" program.

Jackie Quick McDonald is traveling with her husband, Bud, who is a great coach teaching the German boys how to play marbles.

Martin Wagner, now a famous artist, is drawing for Esquire. His wife, Alice Osborn, does all the modeling for his pictures.

Barbara Mongold has risen to quite a height. She is now a scrubwoman on the forty-eighth floor of the Empire State Building.

Dorothy Porter is playing opposite Elmer Fudd in one of Walt Disney, Jr.'s, greatest creations.

Ruth Whalen has been quite busy building up her chain of drug stores in Garyton, McCool, Crisman, and East Gary.

Who are these gossiping women? Why no one else but Hilda Sharpe, editor of the "Crisman Centennial" and Louise Lamprecht, owner of the High Hatters Night Club.



*Class Officers of 45-46*

# *Juniors*

## CLASS OFFICERS

Row 1: *Class President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, Student Body President*

Row 2: *Class Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, Student Body Vice President*

*Margaret Benson  
Harvey Halse*

*William Benson  
Arlene Thompson  
Gerald Self*

*Vivian Briggs  
Dore Johnson  
Donald Snyder*

*Mary E. Briggs  
Gene Kuntz  
Paul Smith*

*Robert R. Smith  
R. Smith  
R. Smith*

*John R. Smith  
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Early in the year the seniors decided that making a trip would be more fun than holding the dance (conclusion) than at the close of school. They asked the seniors to vote on whether or not they would like to go to Washington, D. C. The seniors voted unanimously that they would like to go and would also work several hours to make such a trip possible.

By the unanimous efforts and cooperation of the entire class, the seniors were able to contribute a considerable sum toward defraying the expenses of the trip. Some of the presents were the sale of stationary, scrap-paper drives, and the sponsorship of two chess plays "My Wife's Family" and "The Fanny Buds."

The concluding social event of the year was a party on April 5. They were also invited to the Christmas Dance by the seniors.





### SOPHOMORES

Row 1: Raymond Luckey, Van Linder, Betty Nelson, Anna Russell, Edward Davis, William  
 Ganss, Dorothy Lawrie, Bennett McHarquo, Louise Mansold, John Korman.

Row 2: Philip Phelps, Lester Coughway, James Collier, James Wertwa, Edward Nicks, Jane  
 Ayers, Marian Hockelberg, Grace Selby, Janet Roth, Phyllis Marshall, Luis Miller.

Row 3: Mervyn Delmage, Charles Johnson, Shirley Hillan, Harold Quirk, Virginia Gauley, Joan  
 Nelson, Aurelia Phillips, Elizabeth Bule, Arlene Alissa, Irene Sheple, Ross Hendstark, Clyde John-  
 son, Harold Colan.

Row 4: Paul Biddle, Benedek Marolek, Samuel Bowles, Charles Grimm, Kenneth Gray, Gerald  
 Luckey, Russell Wilson, Robert Hager, Linda Thorne, Allen Olson, Rita Ruppel.

### FRESHMEN

Row 1: Marlene Lindner, Rosaline Switzer, Betty Riggelman, Elmer Lenburg, William Tilden,  
 Melvin Stanton, Augustine Dunham, Margaret Russell, Robert Mullen, Patrick Anderson, Donald  
 Cain, Nancy Storkey, Marjorie Marvel, Rose Marie Gibson, Kathleen Murray.

Row 2: Richard Patis, Ronald Moore, Bonnie Cooper, Doris Collins, Shirley Goin, Carol Mascher,  
 James Henning, Eugene Bradford, Edward Kidwell, Patricia Peyton, Patricia Holmes, Lucille Lloyd,  
 Henry Steinch, John Jennings.

Row 3: Ray Gilbert, Dorothy Mahns, Shirley Hassell, Louise Axtell, Elsie Walters, Gladys Frum,  
 Marguerite Jacy, Bessie Brown, Jessamine Jeter, Madelyn Holtz, Pauline Werner, Wanda Trostle,  
 Jaclyn Farry, George Daugherty, Sally Thixton.

Row 4: William Gilbert, Arthur Blohm, Magdalene Lamprecht, Ruth Foreman, Shirley Jurkovich,  
 Norene Metzcu, Clara Price, Gladys Porter, Gloria Dronebarger, Jean Smith, Joan Smith, Charles  
 Reardon, William Wilson, Harold Huggins.











# **GRADE FOUR**

**Row 1:** Larry Gibson, Barbara Kim, Jerry Miller, Marlene Walker, Beverly Emerson, William Adams, James Mullin

**Row 2:** Hugh Daubek, Kenneth Ann Marshall, Madeline Leon, Selmaarge, Thomas Erma Cummins

**Row 3:** Kendal Nixon, Janet Fried, William Gerber, Paul Craman, James Clark, Dick Leyda, Gary

**Row 4:** Richard Clem, Ronald Craven, Susan Warren, Thomas Wine, Kenneth Nickels, Kenneth William Cressy



# **GRADE FIVE**

**Row 1:** Donna Davis, Flora Hinton, Saekey Saekey, Lynn Colet, James Mary, Marilyn Schroeder, Margaret Berlin, Lois Cummins

**Row 2:** Kathryn Aller, Darwin Casabian, Mary Laidon, Eileen Fritz, Donald Whelpley, Ronald Metzner, Marvin Briggs, Jerry Rock, straw

**Row 3:** William Rhinehart, Larry Thorne, John Garrison, Celia Betton, Robert Scofield, Robert Selby, Eugene Jedynak, Alford Lynn

**Row 4:** Jack Clem, Donald Campbell, Milton Carlson, Ralph Lewis, James Elson, Thomas Marvel, Andrew Volk, Ronald Chester, William Gloyeske



# **GRADE SIX**

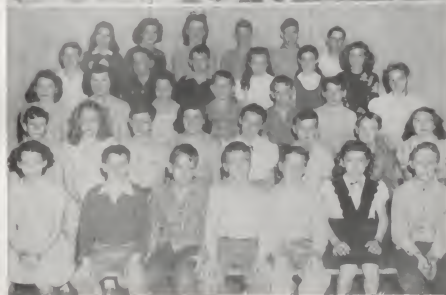
**Row 1:** Pauline Tarnow, James Mack, Russ Anderson, Fred Bascom, Charles Gibson, Twyla Lute, Paula Obermesik

**Row 2:** LaVaun Brown, Madelyn Emerson, Thomas Tittle, Pauline Rhinehart, Helen Foreman, Joseph Boyer, David Williams, Marilyn Emerson

**Row 3:** Nancy Bruce, Charlotte Rhinehart, Wanda Cressy, Richard Hamstrom, Melvin Reich, Thomas Hinton, Geraldine Kimmel

**Row 4:** Edward Oswald, Oscar Jolly, Richard Jennings, Mary Astell, Barbara Anderson, Elaine Fenske

**Row 5:** Carol Gottlieb, Yvonne Hawley, Gwendolyn Scherger, Dale Lewis, Robert Campbell, Larry Lindgren





*Jesse Clipperton*

*Elaine Kroening*  
*Mary Croft*  
**CHRISMAN GRADE TEACHERS**

Wanda Tomlinson, Rose Williams, Jane Hoffman, Cora J. Hall, Betty Thomas,  
George E. Swartz

**GARYTON GRADE TEACHERS**

Robert O'Brien, Evelyn Morrison, Joan Kerkow, Mary T. Kerkow, Margaret  
McDonald, Elizabeth Purcell, Jean Rappaport

**GARYTON GRADES**

**GRADES ONE, TWO AND THREE**

Row 1: Peter Hult, Harold Lowy, Charles Cummings, Richard Cliff, Robert Lohr,  
William Pothnberger, Helen Rozinka, Nancy Hall, Frances Adkins

Row 2: Harold Johnson, Frances Krog, Mark Tabor, James Lewis, Harold Thompson,  
Leroy Hall, Beverly Garver, Jack Yarnall

Row 3: Thomas Lenners, Mary Gower, Richard Green, Frederick Francis, Karen  
Johnson, Jean Garrett



# GRADE ONE

Row 1: Warren Kraft, Robert Leeper,  
Linda Cox, Linda Brown, Linda King,  
Rebecca, Karen Sines, Daisy  
Murray Wade, Sandy Johnson,  
David Jones, Jackie Hill.

Row 2: Stan Smith, Helen Predmore,  
Jackie Merwald, Nancy  
Morse, Robert Jones, Marvin  
Robert Poffinbarger, Sherry  
Meyers, Helen, Eileen Kats-  
kyne.

Row 3: Linda Miller, Patricia Moss,  
Susan Thomas, Kunstek, Wil-  
Beverly Johnson, Dale  
Wasson, Prosenk, Duane  
Ronald Westergren, Mary  
Anovich, Karen Peterson.



# GRADE TWO

Row 1: Douglas Thomas, Charles  
Rosen, John Walls, Betty Lamphier,  
Yakovlev, Janet Field, Nancy  
Lorenz, Edelen, Daniel Hender-  
Wayne Chestnut, David Beaton,  
Jones.

Row 2: Harley Peterson, Nick  
K. Russell, Byron, Gale Fornet,  
Barbara Maluvar, Ronald Mongold,  
Patricia Bush, Jon Gottlieb, Paul Cou-  
stak, Mike, John Nigra.

Row 3: Richard Suckles, Wayne  
Mason, Kent Lundquist, Carol Johnson,  
Lorena, Sandra Wilson, Judith  
Lorenz, Shirley Dunovich, Sandra Schu-  
k, Joseph Macey, James Stewart,  
Thomas Raz nka.



# GRADE THREE

Row 1: Charles Ingram, Charlene  
Cox, Kathryn Montgomery, Carolyn  
Fox, Mary Cummins, Carol Cobble,  
Kenneth Daugherty, Irvn Field,  
John McHugh, Ray Weir, Robert  
Jones, Dean Pennington.

Row 2: Gordon Booth, Walter May,  
Susan McIsland, Gail Metzrus, John  
Wunder, Gary Bradford, Douglas Wil-  
son, Philip Dacey, Dean Johanson,  
Robert Brandon, Shirley Crossman,  
Huff.

Row 3: Jack Thomas, Lois Mahns,  
Susan Chestnut, Gerald Bumbaer,  
Marty Boles, Joanne Bednash, Jack  
Chestnut, Phyllis Turner, Marlene  
Meyer, LaVonne Smith, Mary Dyer,  
Lamphier.





#### GRADE FOUR

Row 1: Ronald Wade, Gene [unclear],  
Helen Garrett, Barbara Russell, Pa-  
tricia Grimes, Roger Bennett, Bernard  
Mettreque, Larry Lemmon, Shirley  
Cannon, Betty Dujmovich, Irma Col-  
lin, Phyllis Austin, William [unclear],  
Carol Pruitt

Row 2: James [unclear], Robert  
[unclear], James Butler, Barbara [unclear],  
Sandra Garrison, George Mar-  
tinez, Alan Poley, [unclear],  
Beverly Alexander, Nancy Bishop, Ro-  
bert Miller, William [unclear]

Row 3: Edward Shro, Donald [unclear],  
Toby, Betty Jane Kushnir,  
Jane Wiles, Eva Bednash, Ronald  
Petersen, Franklin Taylor, Wesley  
[unclear], William [unclear], Michael [unclear],  
[unclear] Bailey



#### GRADE FIVE

Row 1: James Tilden, Jerry Car-  
roll, Frankie Frum, Betty Dron-  
berger, [unclear] Lisa, Dorothy Gilbert,  
James Mainwac, Shirley Ellis, Delores  
Crawe, Lee Dean, Edward [unclear],  
Ann [unclear]

Row 2: Clare Sable, Dale Tomas,  
Ivy Clark, Leila Gilbert, Robert  
Hansen, Betty Price, Doris Pruitt, Ma-  
dona Metzcu, Marvin Schauburger,  
Dwayne Thomas, John Sam, Glen  
Leeper

Row 3: Michael Nixon, Don Collins,  
Don Duvert, Marilyn Mohr, Nancy  
Anderson, Martha Goin, Kenneth Pe-  
tersen, Larry King, James Turner, Bon-  
nie Lou McBride, Nancy Lu Phillips,  
Barbara Voight

#### GRADES FOUR and SIX

Row 1: Edwin Bateman, Bennett  
Lee, David Nelson, Richard Starnich,  
Lynn McCasland, Rosemary Hager,  
Carol Bailey, Judith Koriko, Shirley  
Russell, Donnie Garrett, Jerome Kor-  
ziko, Shirley Connaway, Delores  
Trostle

Row 2: David Wade, Lloyd Wade,  
Harold Merwald, Richard Moore, Pa-  
tricia Moore, Mary Lou Schauburger,  
Mary Langren, Ralph Packer, Don  
Fleming, Beverly Crossman, Jack Lan-  
gren

Row 3: Winifred Luckey, Ruth  
Jones, Cleo DeWitt, William Rogers,  
Catherine Cobble, Ronald Hendershott,  
Melvin Anderson, Loren Mongold,  
Kenneth Wilson, Richard Yager, Mary  
Jones, Ruth Yager





FRANK LINDQUIST  
at yard of home



CHARLES  
LARSON

ROY  
KIMMEL

ROY  
DAHLIN

VICTOR  
PETERSON

NICK  
KOEDYKER

Our janitors deserve high praise for their constant efforts to keep our buildings clean and attractive. Mr. Lindquist, Mr. Larson, Mr. Kimmel and Mr. Dahlin take care of the Crisman grades and high school buildings. Mr. Peterson and Mr. Koedyker take care of the Garyton grade building.



#### PORTAGE COOKS--

Mrs. Edna Blair, Mrs. Grace Mahns,  
Mrs. Marjorie Herren, Mrs. Bertha  
Scherger.



#### GARYTON COOKS

Mrs. Viola Miller, Mrs. Astrid Peter-  
son, Mrs. Lena Engle.



#### STUDENT HELPERS AT PORTAGE--

Louise Lamprecht, Jane Starkey,  
Clarice Jean Fifield.

Here are the women who prepare those nutritious school lunches. They often serve as many as 300 students a day at Portage and nearly 200 at Garyton.





# BASKETBALL

	We	They
Hebron, there .....	27	10
Boone Grove, here .....	43	22
Wirt, here .....	32	28
Crown Point, here .....	40	28
Valparaiso, there .....	20	16
Edison (Gary), here (o.t.) .....	33	35
Chesterton, there .....	62	15
Wirt, there .....	34	29
Merrillville, here .....	28	23
Liberty, there .....	44	24
Hammond C. C., here .....	37	30
Wheeler, there .....	57	31
Hobart, here .....	29	32
Griffith, there .....	29	44
Kouts, here .....	33	22
Edison (East Gary), there .....	59	33

# COUNTY TOURNEY AT VALPO

Hebron .....	26	18
Kouts .....	23	25

# SECTIONALS AT HAMMOND

	We	They
Hobart .....	43	33
Roosevelt E. C. ....	32	21
Lowell .....	45	52

# BASEBALL

Liberty .....	17	3
Wheeler .....	17	2
Jackson .....	8	4
Chesterton .....	6	8
Chesterton .....	4	17
Wheeler .....	28	1
Wheeler .....	20	3
Jackson .....	4	13
Liberty .....	8	6
Dyer, Lake-Porter .....	1	5





# Basketball

Under the direction of our new coach, Dean Snider, the small but mighty Portage Indians won 17 out of 22 games. The team as the whole was more evenly balanced than any other that had ever played at Portage High. For what the team lacked in height, they made up for in speed and good ballhandling. Portage started the season with a bang by beating Hebron, Boone Grove, Wirt, and Crown Point. And then for the first time, Portage beat Valpo on their home floor, by the score of 23-16. The next game with Edison of Gary turned out to be the first defeat of the season. It was close and could have gone either way. The score was 33 to 29 in an overtime. After that defeat, the Indians went on a nine-game winning streak, which ended in the county tourney. They were defeated by Kouts, 33-25. We still had one consolation; Dale Cobble won the coveted gold basketball award as the outstanding player. After the tourney, the team seemed to go into a slump and lost two games, one to Hobart, 29-32, and the other to Griffith, 29-44. But then Portage got revenge for the defeat they suffered in the tourney by beating the Kouts Mustangs, 33-22. Then came our arch rivals, Edison of East Gary. This wasn't much of a game though, as the Indians scalped them, 59-33. The boys were now ready for the sectionals, in which they showed up very well. They got revenge for another one of their defeats by beating Hobart, 44-33, in the first game of the sectionals at Hammond. Then came Roosevelt of East Chicago. They were almost head and shoulders taller than our boys, but still we came out on top, 32-21. This put us into the semi-finals and with another tall team, Lowell. The height this time was just too much, and the Indians lost 45-52. Altogether, it was a most successful season.



COACH SNIDER

BOB COLE  
Guard

DANIEL CAM  
Forward

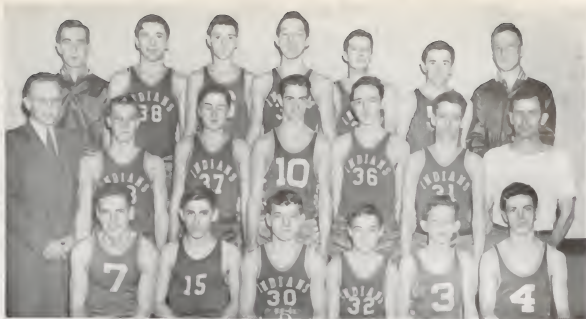
BILL WILSON  
Center

"LINDY" THORNE  
Guard

KENNETH CLEM  
Forward  
ALLAN OLSON  
Forward



Bob Cole



## BASKETBALL RESERVES

Row 1: Mike, Peter, David, John, James, Richard, William, John, Steven, George  
 Row 2: Harry, Kenneth, Robert, James, Peter, Richard, John, William, Frank, James  
 Row 3: Cole, William, Michael, Andrew, Charles, Pauline, Benjamin, Margaret, Mary, Charles  
 Row 4: Mary, William, John, Michael, William, Richard, Margaret

Suba  
Suba ya!!

## PAPOOSES (JUNIOR HI)

Row 2: Heber Weibrenner, Principal; Marvin Guernsey, Carl Nelson, Charles Metzger, Hager, Robert Peterson, Coach Smider.



Mac  
McFarquhar



Upper left: Jack's young's first  
step at 20 days old. center: Jack  
and his mother with Hattie.  
upper right: Hattie first seen  
and 20 days old. Center: Jack  
and Hattie on the day of a  
contest at the Wet show. The  
lower right: Jack and Hattie  
left: Hattie the year of Wet  
showing Hattie in the Vol.  
showing Hattie.





This year we had four cheer leaders instead of our usual two. They are Patricia Carpenter, Barbara DeWitt, Faye Wyatt, and Joan Zimmerman.



These girls were outstanding, we think, in both attractiveness and ability to lead the cheering section in original and clever yells.



Tomahawk, Tomahawk, little papoose,  
Portage Indians just got loose!  
Chicawa, chicawa, chicawa chee,  
Portage Indians, yes, sir-e-e-e!!'



# Baseball

The Portage Indians turned out a very good baseball team this year. They won six out of ten games. They took two wins from Liberty, three from Wheeler; split even with Jackson; lost one to Dyer; and two to Chesterton, the North County Champions. By beating Wheeler three times, the Indians were able to go into the play-offs of the Lake-Porter championship. The winner of the Lake County championship was Dyer. In the game which was played at Dyer the Dyer Indians took our boys by the score of 1-5. The greatest defeat of the season was handed to them by Chesterton, 4-17. But then they got revenge by blasting Wheeler, 28-1.

A new Lake-Porter conference has been organized in which Portage has been invited to enter. The conference plans to play all the baseball games in the spring and leave the fall for football and basketball. There are eight teams in the conference, which means that Portage will have played seven games this spring. In the first game, Portage beat Wheeler, 15-2, in three innings. Then they traveled to Griffith and got beat 7-0. Merrillville came to Portage for our first home game, and the Indians took the game with a score of 7-6.

Row 1: Michael Strlich, William Bollen, Robert Carr  
Row 2: Donald Dolan, Dale Cebbie, Linden Fowler, Eugene Bradford, Melvin Stanton  
Row 3: Heber Winebrenner, Principal, Coach, Forrest, Alan Olson, William Newman, Charles  
Coach: Charles Reardon, Coach Sander







**Above:** Senior girls physical education class; **middle:** 8th grade boys; **bottom:** freshman and sophomore girls.



This year has been a very interesting and eventful one with many students taking part in the various activities, including band concerts, contests, dances, plays, parties, and both boys' and girls' athletics. Two new clubs, The Latin Club and Press Club, were organized. The grand climax of the year—a trip to Washington, D. C., for the juniors, seniors, their sponsors, and a few guests.















*Good Luck  
Vivian*

# MUSIC GLIMPSES

Upper left:  Center:   
 right:   
 left center:   
 bottom:   
 Writing Club:   
 Using two ba-   
 sons. 







Row 1: Twyla McInague, Advertising Manager; Marjorie Spangler, Finance Clerk; Mary E. Pickens, Assistant Editor; Barbara Mendenhall, Announcements Manager; Louise Anderson, Business Manager

Row 2: Mr. Myers, Sponsor; William Flazier, Editor; Cecil Green, Editor; Bill Brown, Editor; Marie Wilson, Art Editor; William Newman, Photo Editor; Marjorie Tordella, Editorial Assistant; Margaret Mendenhall, Sponsor.

## Annual Staff

We wish to express our appreciation to all the members of the staff for their cooperation, and we give special thanks to other members of the class who aided in editing and in securing subscriptions and advertising.



### G. A. A. BOARD

Row 1: Mavis Pankratz, Dorothy Johnson, Betty Johnson, Mary L. Hagaman, Faye Wyatt, Jo Ann Carpenter

Row 2: Twyla McHale, Jane Ayers, Bernice McHale, Barbara McWhitt, Jean Thompson, Marion Fanning, Marion Lutz, Leanne Barbara Manquod

There were one hundred twenty-five girls active in the Girls' Athletic Association this year. Activities of the G. A. A. during the year included bowling, volley ball, basketball, ping pong, track, and softball. On February 11, 1946, several girls went to Wheeler as guests at a Play Day. On March 12, Wheeler and Liberty Township girls met with us for another Play Day. The Mother and Daughter Banquet was on May 10. A few G. A. A. girls also took part in the Donkey Basketball game on March 7, 1946.

### Latin Club

The Latin Club is a newly organized club in our school and is made up of students in first and second year Latin classes. This club is a chapter of the Junior Classical League, a nation-wide organization.



Row 1: Betty Thaxton, Joan Sharkey, Twan Zimmerman, Jerry Flynn, Clarice Jean Fifeild.

Row 2: Marlene Marvel, Jane Sharkey, Eleanor Himebrook, Lillian Beaumont, Mary L. Nickerson.

Row 3: Patrick Anderson, Glen Johanson, Marguerite Bender, Louis Bergslien, Eleanor Reardon, and Mrs. Jones, Latin teacher and sponsor

# School Calendar

## SEPTEMBER—

- 4 School bells ring to begin the last year for the seniors.
- 11 Wheeler baseball game—we won.
- 11 Jackson baseball game was forfeited to Jackson.
- 31 Chesterton baseball game—we won.
- 25 Liberty baseball game—we won, (monstrous, isn't it?).
- 25 Seniors elect staff for annual.
- 27 Two fire drills—Oh, boy, intermissions!

## OCTOBER—

- 2 G.A.A. bowling started on Tuesdays.
- 2 Jackson baseball game—we lost—just weren't lucky.
- 8 Wheeler baseball game—we won—that's more like it!
- 4 Chorus and band went to a symphony concert in Valparaiso.
- 5 Senior skating party—more fun—more broken bones.
- 10 Wheeler baseball game—we won.
- 10 Freshman initiation party—boy, did they look cute and SHOCKED.
- 13 Fire drill again.
- 14 Junior play "My Wife's Family"—not bad.
- 16 G.A.A. Halloween party.

## NOVEMBER—

- 2 Band concert—Oh, that drum section.
- 6 G.A.A. bowling tournament.
- 9 First basketball game with Hebron—we won—good start.
- 10 Another fire drill!
- 16 Boone Grove basketball game—we won.
- 21 Wirt basketball game—we won.
- 23 Senior skating party at Chesterton—it had to snow, too.
- 25 Home Ec. class went to Gary—just to get out of school, I bet.
- 30 Valparaiso basketball game—we won.

## DECEMBER—

- 4 County band and chorus festival.
- 5 Edison (Gary) basketball game—we lost—such luck.
- 7 Chesterton basketball game—we won—that's better.
- 12 Wirt basketball game—we won.
- 21 Christmas vacation began—Hurrah!!!
- 21 Junior and Senior Christmas Dance.

## JANUARY—

- 5 Liberty basketball game—we won.
- 8 Hammond Catholic Central basketball game—we won.
- 9 P. T. A. Amateur Show.
- 11 Wheeler basketball game—we won.
- 14 Fire drill again.

- 15 G.A.A. bowling meet.
- 17-18-19 County Basketball Tourney—Kouts won—just luck.
- Also semester exams!
- 21 Start of second semester and boys' Home Ec. Class!
- 21 Sophomores finally presented their movie "Combat America."
- 23 Hobart basketball game—we lost.

## FEBRUARY—

- 1 Griffith basketball game—we lost again.
- 2 Dyer basketball game—we won.
- 5 Mid-winter band concert.
- 8 East Gary basketball game—we won.
- 15 Lowell game cancelled.
- 21-22-23 Sectionals in Hammond—we did pretty good.
- 27 Freshman party in the gym.

## MARCH—

- 5 Time out for another fire drill.
- 7 Donkey basketball game—girls played too!
- 22 Senior play "The Daffy Dills." What a play!
- 28 Juniors and seniors sponsored a play nite for boys and girls.

## APRIL—

- 4 Hebron band gave a return concert—Oh, Dick's poems!
- 5 Junior class party—and bathin' beauty contest!
- 9 First baseball game in new conference with Wheeler—we won.
- 12 Griffith baseball game—we lost.
- 13 District contest in Valparaiso—band and chorus rated FIRST.
- 16 Baseball game with Merrillville—we won.
- 17 Easter Convocation.
- 22 Baseball game with Dyer—we lost.
- 22 Boys' Home Ec. class cooked principals' a dinner.
- 23 G.A.A. play nite with Chesterton.
- 23 Fire Drill—By this time we know what to do!

## MAY—

- 3 Junior Play, "The Funny Brats"—and other extraordinary features.
- 4 Band and chorus go to the state contests.
- 14 Mr. George Davis, reader of Riley's poems, sponsored by Jr.-Sr.
- 19 Baccalaureate Sermon.
- 20-21 Exams—The seniors didn't feel so good.
- 22 Commencement—Seniors get their pardons (diplomas).
- 24 Last day of school—Yip-p-e-e!
- 27 Junior and senior classes leave for Washington, D. C., in chartered buses. Note to Lower Classmen: Take good care of the old Wigwam for us.







Several Indians, both braves and maidens, proved their ability in the field of dramatics. The seniors gave a splendid performance of THE DAFFY DILLS on March 22.

The cast included Earl Lightfoot, William Mullen, Mary Louise Nickerson, Doris Bergesen, Clarice Jean Field, Twyla McHargue, Lester Ball, Barbara Mongold, Adella Huggins, Dorothy Porter, and Louise Lamprecht.

(Not all the cast is shown here).

On October 24 the seniors presented the rollicking comedy, MY WIFE'S FAMILY to a record-breaking audience. The cast included Mary Jo Brown, Jerry Flynn, Joan and Jane Starky, William Bolles, Marguerite Bender, William Peterson, Lola Garrett, Joan Zimmerman, Glenn Johanson, Jean Lagerstrom, and Clarence Seitz.







The above pictures are of the Christmas Dance, sponsored by the seniors to which the juniors were invited; and of a victory dance held after one of the successful basketball games held at Portage Gym.



The War Dance (Prom) was held last year on May 19 at Marquette Park Pavilion. Paula Lindner was chosen Prom Queen.

# Class

## JOE ALASS

Has always been first in our alphabet  
His braided hair, we shall never forget.

## LESTER BELL

Yea, yes, he has a playful heart  
But of hard work, he does his part.

## DORIS BERGSLIEN

She is the quiz kid of our class,  
Which proves she's quite a studious lass.

## ETANNE DUNSIZER

As the LEGEND editor, she's done her part  
Her work was faithful from the start.

## CLARICE JEAN FIFIELD

In work or play, a valued sport,  
Called "Blondie" or "C.J." for short.

## BILL FRAZIER

His is a very quiet way  
But, in his work, he's often "A."

## ADELIA HUGGINS

Plays basketball and "ball" in track  
The boys all say "Oh, ain't you comin'!"

## LOUISE LAMPRECHT

She joined us in our senior year  
But to us all she seems QUIN DEAR.

## EARL LIGHTFOOT

Although he's often found asleep,  
We seem to like him—(what's he sleep?)

## ELWIN MAHNS

A little tall, we've heard them tell  
But like him our group—can yell!

## TWYLA MCHARGUE

In her own way, we'll all agree  
She moves with modest dignity.

## MARILYN MILLER

A bunch of pep, and always IT  
When cooking up some sparkling wit.



# Poem

## MARY JANE MOATZ

As secretary of the class,  
We proved her worth, with that we'll pass.

## BARBARA MONGOLD

On you, she's absent off and on,  
We really miss her when she's gone.

## BILL MULLEN

As PRESIDENT he led us on,  
We'll miss him much when he is gone.

## BEA NEWMAN

Old Portage High will miss him much,  
You search and find so few—of such!

## MARY LOUISE NICKERSON

She worked with us for twelve long years,  
When she must leave (sniff, sniff) salt tears.

## DOROTHY PORTER

She's quite a like, that is to say  
She lost a cute "come hither" way.

## JEANNE QUICK

A humble soul, a wry trick  
Day in day out she's always QUICK

## HEANOR REARDON

A "little" pal—so good and sweet,  
She helped to make our work complete!

## HILDA SHARPE

To roller skating her fancy turns,  
And for some Marine, her fond heart yearns.

## MARTIN WAGNER

For show, we call him "Puny Nanny,"  
But for PHS—he's done his duty.

## RUTH WHALEN

A gentle soul, and tender heart  
Her life—a rich unstudied art.

## LILLIAN BEAUMONT

'Twere base to sing about myself  
That job I less upon the shelf!

L. B.





**Top:** The smiling student on top of right. Adeline Haydon, Quirk, Faye Wyant and Lee Johnson. **Center:** Hild. **Left center:** Four ladies, one was Josephine Joyce and John. **Right center:** Twyla and Adeline, two freshmen, Jean Smith and Betty Thaxton. **Next:** Group of freshmen cheer squad at the West game. **Inset:** Gene Lute, Phil. **Inset:** Eleanor Reardon. **Lower picture:** Some freshman boys.

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Dear Betty,  
I wish I could talk  
with a straight face like  
you when you're  
little endy.  
Love  
Jane Stark

Dear Betty,  
Good Luck  
& Best Wishes  
always I give  
you from  
Tamm

Dear Betty,  
I wish I could talk  
with a straight face like  
you when you're  
little endy.  
Love  
Jane Stark

Dear Betty,  
Loads of luck  
in the future.  
Betty  
Phillips

Dear Betty,  
Loads of luck in  
years ahead.  
Jeanne Warriner  
"48"

Dear Betty,  
Lots of luck  
to a wonderful  
girl.  
Ledy  
Hilton

Dear Betty,  
Ever since you've been  
in our class there's never  
been a dull minute when  
we're together. But he didn't mind too much  
to E.S. But he didn't mind too much  
after he got used to you. Love.  
Lots of luck.  
I know you'll always  
have a good time.  
Jeanne

Dear Betty,  
Wishing you the  
highest form of  
good fortune imaginable.  
Betty will suffer  
a great loss at your  
leaving.

Allen Ha' Sloan

Dear Betty,  
Loads of luck to  
a girl with a joy  
such as yours.  
Madeleine

Dear Betty

The Best of Luck and  
Good Fortune to a  
wonderful Character  
and friend.

Best Love

Dear Betty,  
As I would  
about all the good times  
we had together, especially  
this past year, so I've just say  
try to remember you and always wish  
I had half of the witty and good natured  
character of you! Lots of Luck, Ha, and don't  
forget to write me at D.P.H. Always - "Hil"

Wayne  
Connaway

Dear Betty,  
Here's wishing you  
your lot of luck  
in your future  
and rides  
Joanne

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Dear Betty  
When we get  
old, and well into  
~~you~~ our years.  
We will look  
back on the gay  
times we had in  
high school  
you one truly  
"shorty"

Dear Betty,  
I ought all the time  
to thank you and  
remember all the  
good times. Good Luck.

93 All

Will Tuckey

Dear Betty,  
I hope you will  
be as happy as I  
am. Love,  
Will Tuckey

Dear Betty,  
Here's wishing you  
the best of luck to  
your work and  
happiness. Love,  
Will Tuckey







